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<b>For:</b>	<b>Instrument Kit and Method for Performing Meniscal Repair</b>		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In view of the Final Office Action that was mailed on February 13, 2008, the Advisory Action that was mailed on May 21, 2008, and the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to examination:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

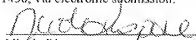
**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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